



Contact your local Intermediate Unit to obtain the code word to create an account. You will create an account at <http://middle.nettrekker.com/userinfo/pa.epl>

**netTrekker d.i.** is a wonderful educational search engine provided by the Pennsylvania Department of Education. Log in at <http://school.nettrekker.com>.

**Keyword Search:** returns listed in order of relevance; can be filtered by reading level.

**Level tabs:** Materials appropriate to educational level; all reading levels displayed; display by either *All Learners* or *English Learners*.

**Subject Headings:** Drill down through headings arranged in hierarchal order.

- Features:**
- **Timeline:** search events which are linked to other timelines and web pages
  - **Famous Person:** search by name or selected criteria
  - **Image Search:** lists pictures on web
  - **Reference:** large list of multiple linked resources
  - **Teacher Resources:** multiple tools for teachers

- My Tools:**
- **Profile:** lists your information
  - **Preferences:** set your home page, dictionary setting, etc.
  - **Saved Searches:** lists your searches and public searches
  - **Help –** guides for using NetTrekker & links to online help

## Main Search Results Window

**Search Return:** Your search will yield returns that contain a blurb about the site. Most sites will have the Dictionary hot key button. Click on this if you want to activate the dictionary on that site.

**Search Results Filters:** Click on the ▼ sign next to ALL and a boxed menu will expand; click on any heading and the results will be filtered for sites that focus on the heading you chose; click on the – sign to collapse the menus.

**Open Read Aloud:** Click *Open Read Aloud* button and a new tool bar will appear at the bottom. Highlighting words will prompt them to be read aloud! (See toolbar below.)

**Hide:** If the *Features* or *My Tools* boxes are distracting, click on *Hide* and they will not be show. Click *Show* to restore them.

### Saving your Search:

You can save your search and upload it to the

- Check all the sites in the list you want to save.
- Name the search & place it in a folder you've created.
- Copy it to your district folder inside *IU 12 folder* so that students can view it.
- You can edit site descriptions & add your own sites if you like.

### Reading Level Filter:

Click on any of the levels to filter for sites within the reading level range

- 1 = Grades 1-3
- 2 = Grades 4-6
- 3 = Grades 7-8
- 4 = Grades 9-10
- 5 = Grades 11-13

**Read Aloud Toolbar:** As you select text in the search window OR the site to which NetTrekker links, the status will read "Speech will begin in # seconds..." Once the processing is done, the selected text will be read.

**Reading speed:** Click on the down arrow to choose the desired speed at which the highlighted text will be read.

**Voice Style:** Click on the down arrow to choose the voice style ("Mike, Lauren or Crystal").